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Subject RE: October Event

I'll check with Crystal to see if she can make the briefing. I forwarded this to our Scheduler and to our State Director.
Take Care,
Carlos

-----Original Message-----

From: Joanie_Losacco@blm.gov [mailto:Joanie_Losacco@blm.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 4:17 PM
To: Sierra, Carlos (McCain)
Subject: October Event

Hi Carlos,
We've mentioned in the last few BLM Congressional Staff briefings that we are hosting an event on October 21 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Antiquities Act. It will be held on the Agua Fria National Monument at the Horseshoe Ranch. BLM would be very honored if Senator McCain would be able to join us as a special guest and say a few words at the ceremony. I realize it's probably a bit early for commitments for that time, but, I would really appreciate it if you would consider the invitation, or, let me know if there is already something precluding his availability on that date. Any feedback would be appreciated!

A bit about the event: It's a free public event that will feature tours of prehistoric ruins, scenic hikes, Native American music, dance, food, western folklore, and other activities. We are expecting 1,000+ people throughout the event. The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there will be a special ceremony from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., which is when we would like Senator McCain to speak.

This will be sent out to the media in June:

100 Years of Historic Preservation to be Celebrated
During the 2006 Antiquities Act Centennial

June 8, 1906 - One hundred years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt signed "An Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities," a landmark piece of legislation that for the first time protected the vast expanse of cultural resources on America's Public Lands.

Federal land management agencies and the preservation community are

celebrating the inestimable benefits from this Act, which now include
a body of laws protecting cultural, historical and paleontological
resources, including sites as diverse as ghost towns, Indian
settlements
and internationally significant fossil quarries.

The centennial will highlight these special places and special
resources. And it comes with a message: the public can both enjoy
and help protect these treasures. America's public lands tell the story
of our recent and distant past—from age-old fossil beds to the villages
of ancient Native American cultures and homes of pioneer settlers.

The Bureau of Land Management is the steward for the largest body of
cultural resources in the nation. It's estimated that the vast and
often remote expanses of public lands in the West contain more than 4
million
archeological sites alone. There is much yet to be discovered and
their protection is up to every visitor.

Please join us as we share this critical message. Below is a link to
more information on the Antiquities Act and BLM's heritage resources
programs. Included are FAQs and a variety of fact sheets on the Act,
cultural, paleontological and historical resources on public lands,
visitor ethics and much more:

www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/media.html

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Dear Joanie:

Thank you for the kind letter inviting Senator McCain to speak at the event commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Antiquities Act on October 21st, 2006. The Senator appreciates the thoughtfulness.

Unfortunately, Senator McCain's schedule for that date will not permit him to do so. However, he would like to extend his best wishes and hopes he can accommodate your requests in the future.

Again, thank you for your courtesy and interest. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,



Crystal Caballero
Office of Senator John McCain